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Identical letters dated 17 February 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the daily report for 17 February 2003 on the activities of the inspection teams of the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Iraq (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Report on the activities of the IAEA and UNMOVIC inspection teams in Iraq on 17 February 2003

I. IAEA inspection team

(a) A group consisting of four inspectors left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 0830 hours and travelled to the site of the Nida' State Company, a subsidiary of the Military Industrialization Corporation (MIC). It inspected the company's factories and warehouses and carefully checked tagged equipment. After completing its assignment, which lasted three hours, the group returned to the Canal Hotel.

(b) A second group, consisting of four inspectors, left the Canal Hotel at 0835 hours. The inspectors conducted a motorized radiation survey in the Dawrah and Samarra areas, in particular on the sites of a number of companies and departments and in certain open areas. After completing its assignment, which lasted three hours, the group returned to the Canal Hotel.

(c) A third group, consisting of four inspectors, left the Canal Hotel at 0835 hours and travelled to the site of Umm al Ma'arik Company and the Dhu al-Fiqar Factory, MIC subsidiaries. The group inspected one Umm al Ma'arik Company building housing machines and observed the different stages of activity being conducted. It also inspected the Dhu al-Fiqar Factory and checked the machines located in the workshop as well as the thermal ovens. After completing its assignment, which lasted five hours, the group returned to the Canal Hotel.

II. UNMOVIC inspection team (missiles)

(a) A group consisting of four inspectors left the Canal Hotel at 0800 hours and travelled to the Ibn al-Haytham and Sumud sites belonging to the Karama State Company, an MIC subsidiary. It placed tags on Sumud missiles found on both sites. After completing its assignment, which lasted five and one half hours, the group returned to the Canal Hotel.

(b) A second group consisting of three inspectors left the Canal Hotel at 0800 hours and travelled to the Amin Factory belonging to the Rashid State Company, an MIC subsidiary. The group met with the factory authorities and discussed the declarations made concerning the factory for 2000, 2001 and 2002. It then inspected a building housing a large oven. After completing its assignment, which lasted two and one half hours, the group returned to the Canal Hotel.

(c) A third group, consisting of two inspectors, left the Canal Hotel at 0800 hours and travelled to Mu'tasim airfield, which comes under the Ministry of Defence. It interviewed the base commander about the technical specifications of the remote-controlled reconnaissance aircraft parked on the airfield and inspected the hangar used to house the aircraft. After completing its assignment, which lasted two hours, the group returned to the Canal Hotel.

(d) A fourth group, consisting of two inspectors, left the Canal Hotel at 0800 hours and travelled to the site of the Al-Asima al-Ahliya Company belonging to the private sector. The group interviewed the director of the company about the parts manufactured by his establishment, the entities which dealt with it, the quantity of products requested and the date on which activities had begun. The group then inspected the company's workshop. After completing its assignment, which lasted two hours, the group returned to the Canal Hotel.

(e) A fifth group, consisting of five inspectors, left the Canal Hotel at 0950 hours and travelled to the site of the Umm al Ma'arik Company, an MIC subsidiary. The group interviewed the company authorities about the establishment's role in the production of parts for missiles. The inspectors asked whether there was a factory for the manufacture of dies, which buildings contained the missile parts and what was the composition of the company's organizational chart, and asked about the place where materials were stored as well as the quantities produced. Finally, the group reviewed the declarations concerning the company, inspected the building housing the machines and workshop, and checked the tags placed on the machines. After completing its assignment, which lasted five hours, the group returned to the Canal Hotel.

III. UNMOVIC multidisciplinary inspection team in Mosul

A team consisting of 10 inspectors left the Nineveh Palace Hotel at 0900 hours and travelled to the Al-Hadar al-Awla munitions depot. The team met with the commander of the depots, which it inspected using a chemical detection device. After completing its assignment, which lasted six hours, the team returned to the Nineveh Palace Hotel in Mosul.

IV. UNMOVIC inspection team (chemical weapons)

(a) A group consisting of eight inspectors left the Canal Hotel at 0900 hours and travelled to the defunct Muthanna site belonging to the Tareq State Company, an MIC subsidiary. The group took samples from barrels that had contained destroyed mustard gas. After completing its mission, which lasted two and one quarter hours, the group returned to the Canal Hotel.

(b) A second group, consisting of seven inspectors, left the Canal Hotel at 0930 hours and travelled to the site of the Al-Zahf al-Kabir company, an MIC subsidiary. The group interviewed the company authorities about the number of sites belonging to the company and the number of employees working there, and asked whether the establishment's products were exported. It then inspected all the company's premises. After completing its mission, which lasted three hours, the group returned to the Canal Hotel.

V. UNMOVIC inspection team (biological weapons)

A helicopter carrying six inspectors departed from the Rashid airfield at 0910 hours and travelled to the site of the Mesopotamia State Seed Company yellow seed plant, which comes under the Ministry of Agriculture and is located in the

Huwayjah area northeast of Baghdad. The team interviewed the company authorities about the date on which the establishment was founded, the company's previous activities and the type of trucks used to load and unload the corn. The inspectors asked whether the trucks in question were covered or open, where the corn originated from and where it was received. They then inspected the company site, both inside and outside, and checked the production lines. After completing its assignment, which lasted one and one half hours, the team left for Rashid airfield.

VI. UNMOVIC multidisciplinary inspection team

The team, consisting of six inspectors, left the Canal Hotel at 0930 hours and travelled to the site of the Al-Zahf al-Kabir company, an MIC subsidiary, which is located 20 kilometres north of Baghdad. Together with the second UNMOVIC chemical weapons team, the team met with the site authorities, then left the above-mentioned group to check the archives and inspect the marketing section, the department of surveillance and engineering tests and the research and development department. After completing its mission, which lasted two and one half hours, the group returned to the Canal Hotel.

VII. Meeting

The IAEA team asked to meet an Iraqi expert in a Baghdad hotel. The National Surveillance Department informed the person in question and encouraged him to report at the appointed time and place. The meeting, which lasted four and one half hours, took place in private, and a recording device was used to record the interview.

VIII. Reconnaissance aircraft

At 1155 hours, a U-2 reconnaissance aircraft penetrated Iraqi airspace and overflew several areas for four hours and 20 minutes. The aircraft left Iraqi airspace at 0415 hours.